

combined worlds (heaven and earth) with
all thy
protections ; slayer of YRITRA^
irreproachable wielder
of the thunderbolt, drink of the *Soma* at
the mid-
day solemnity.

5. Thou, lord of rites, art sovereign over
our prosper-
ity and gains, with all thy protections ;
slayer of
YRITRA, irreproachable wielder of the
thunderbolt,
drink of the *Soma* at the mid- day
solemnity.

6. Thou art for the strength (of the
world) ; thou
protectest with all thy protections, but
thou needest
no defender,* INDRA, lord of rites ; slayer
of YRITRA,
irreproachable wielder of the
thunderbolt, drink of
the *Soma* at the mid-day solemnity.

7. Hear the praises of SY!VASWA
eulogizing thee,
as thou hast heard those of ATRI engaged
in pious
rites; thou alone, hast protected
TRASADASYU in
battle, augmenting his vigour.

Till. (XXXVIII.)

The deities are ACKETI and INDEA ; the *Rishi*
as before : the metre

is *Gdyatri*.

8. ItfDRA and AoNi, you are the pu *e
ministrants,
(encouragers) in offerings and sacred
rites, — hear.

(the praise) of this (thy worshipper).¹

9. Destroyers (of' foes), riding in one
chariot,

¹ Sfma Veda, II. 4. 2. 3 [II. 4, 1.
10. 1].

* So Sayana takes *na twam dvitha*.
Does it mean, "didst
thou. not protect ?"